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ATTN: Don Udeletad	TIME:
FAX NO: 206-694-6285	JOB NO: 01-03
FROM: Jay Sporneman	PAGE 1 OF: 3

MESSAGE:

Don:

ENCLOSED IS A RESPONSE FROM FISH & WILDLIFE (WDFW). I QUESTION THE COMMENT ABOUT OTHER FACILITIES NOT HAVING SALVAGE PROBLEMS.

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT THE SITUATION. I PROPOSE AN ONSITE MEETING w/ WDFW. PERHAPS AN UNDERWATER VIDEO OR REAL TIME OBSERVATION DURING THE SITE MEETING.

— Jay



Hard Copy via Mail



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For Your Information



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October 4, 2001

Spearman Engineering
ATTENTION: Al Elliott
P.O. Box 230
Bremerton, Washington 98134-1147

Dear Mr. Elliott:

SUBJECT: Hydraulic Project Application; Dredge Spillage From Gravel Offloading Operations, Duwamish Waterway, Tributary to Puget Sound, Section 18, Township 24 North, Range 04 East, King County, WRIA 09.MARI, WDFW Log No. 00-F1913-01

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) received the above-referenced Hydraulic Project Application on September 4, 2001. Before we can issue a Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) for the proposed project, we request that you provide the following additional or clarifying information.

- ▶ Page 5 of the Biological Evaluation states that the authorized dredge depth of the Duwamish Waterway in the *vicinity* of the project site is -30 feet MLLW. The application states that the proponent would like to dredge to -34 MLLW. What is the authorized dredge depth at the *project site*? Other than collecting spilled aggregate, does the applicant conduct regular maintenance dredging at the project site? If so, please provide information when maintenance dredging last occurred (include Corps of Engineers reference number).
- ▶ Please provide information regarding sediment quality at the project site, i.e., presence or absence of contaminants.
- ▶ WDFW would like to arrange a site visit to observe operations. The applicant proposes to dredge approximately every two years to remove aggregate that has spilled during offloading operations. Although the amount of spillage that occurs is very minor considering how much aggregate is offloaded annually, it still appears to be excessive based on conversations and information provided to me by other gravel onloading/offloading facilities about expected spillage rates. Hopefully we can assess how and where most of the spillage occurs during operations, i.e., when filling the hopper or on the conveyor and determine if there is a way to correct the problem.

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If you have any questions regarding this request for additional or clarifying HPA application information, please contact me at (425) 379-2306.

Sincerely,

Pamela Erstad

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